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Ketchum Administrative Site, Office
(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site: Building No. 1137)
Sawtooth National Forest
117 and 119 River Street
Ketchum
Blaine County
Idaho

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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(U.S. FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE SITE, Building No. 1137)**

HABS No. ID-109-B

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. **Date(s) of erection:** Built in calendar year 1933
2. **Architect:** George L. Nichols
3. **Original and subsequent owners:** USDA Forest Service, 1933-1992; City of Ketchum, 1992-present.
4. **Bullder, contractor, suppliers:** Sources of funding for the original construction (Anonymous n.d.a and n.d.b) were as follow:

<u>Costs</u>	<u>F.Y. 1933</u>	<u>F.Y. 1934</u>	<u>F.Y. 1935</u>
ECF	\$16.23	\$1155.77	\$9.80
Impnira		83.99	
CCC Labor		201.25	
Other Funds		195.42	
Total	\$16.23	\$1636.43	\$9.80

5. **Original plans and construction:** R4-51B, reversed and with front porch steps to the side instead of straight forward.
6. **Alterations and additlons:** This structure has been modified extensively, especially in the interior.

B. Historical Context: This structure served as the Ketchum District Ranger's office and is located in the southwest portion of the compound, opposite from the ranger's dwelling. It was built in 1933 as part of an administrative site compound for the Ketchum Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest. In November, 1965, the Ketchum District office moved to new quarters at 206 Sun Valley Road. The compound served as a work station and residence for various Forest Service personnel until exchanged out of federal ownership in October, 1992.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. **Architectural character:** The present exterior doors, front window, and roof are inconsistent with the original architectural character.

2. **Condition of fabric:** Structurally sound.

B. Description of Exterior

1. **Overall dimensions:** 16' 2" x 40' 4"

2. **Foundations:** Concrete.

3. **Walls:** Original novelty siding. The walls originally were painted white with Nile green trim.

4. **Structural System, framing:** 2" x 4" wood stud braced framing.

5. **Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads:** Originally there was a rear porch measuring 6' 2" (north-south) by 8' 1" (east-west) at the northeast corner of the building. This was enclosed sometime subsequent to June, 1965, and the space was made into a closet and part of the bedroom. The front porch is unchanged from the original. It is concrete, and has concrete stairs to the side (east). The porch ceiling is beaded and presently is painted green. Sometime after 1965 a doorway was cut through the center of the east wall of this building, and a concrete stoop and stairs were added.

6. **Chimneys:** There is a brick chimney in the west-facing roof. A metal chimney was added (probably in 1984) to the east-facing roof to vent a stove located along the south wall between the door and window.

7. **Openings:**

a. **Doorways and doors:** The original front (south) door has been replaced by a new wooden door with three panes of glass in it. A new plain wooden door was put in the center of the east wall sometime after June, 1965. There is no rear (north) door, but originally there probably was one opening onto the rear porch. This most likely was removed when the rear porch was enclosed sometime after June, 1965.

b. **Windows and shutters:** Originally there were four double-hung, 12-pane, sash windows in the east wall; two in the west wall; one in the south wall, and no windows in the north wall. The window in the south wall (front) was replaced by a plate-glass window which is larger than the original. The northern of the two windows in the west wall was replaced with a smaller one over the kitchen sink. A horizontal, sliding, aluminum-framed window was added to the north wall of the bathroom.

c. **Other:** The original triangular louvered attic vents are present under the gables on the north and south ends of the building.

8. **Roof:**

a. **Shape, covering:** The roof is gabled, with 2" x 4" rafters and 1" x 6" sheathing. The original shingles were C.P.C. green. Brown metal roofing, like that on the Ranger's dwelling, was added over original wooden shingles in 1982.

b. Cornice, eaves: Cornices are open, with dripping eaves.

c. Dormers, cupolas, towers: None.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans:

a. Basement: None.

b. First floor: Originally the front (south) 12' of the interior was the Ketchum District Ranger's office. To the rear was a second room, which (according to plans) could serve as a storeroom, bedroom, or second office. No record has been found of its actual use(s). At the very back, in the northwest corner of the building, were a bathroom and closet. The original floor plan and wall arrangement has been changed almost completely. The front (south) most recently has served as a living room. To the rear of this, and extending outward from the west wall, is a built-in, formica-topped table or bar. The western 3/8 of the original storeroom is now a kitchen, and a bedroom occupies the northeast part of the original storeroom and south half of the original rear porch. The north half of the rear porch is now a closet. The present bathroom occupies the space of the original bathroom and closet. Photographs indicate that this remodeling occurred subsequent to June, 1965, at which time the Ketchum District Ranger's office was moved to its present location.

c. Second floor: None.

2. Stairways: None.

3. Flooring: Originally the floor of the front or office room was covered with green linoleum and the floor of the storeroom was wooden with clear spar varnish. New linoleum and carpet were laid in 1985, and at present the living room and bedroom have light gray carpeting, the kitchen has light-colored linoleum, and the bathroom has a dark-colored linoleum.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: The original walls were of wallboard finished with tan plastic paint. Woodwork was light oak. Ceilings were white. At present, the walls in the living room are painted a peach color, and those in the kitchen are light cream. The ceilings are white. In the bedroom and bathroom, walls and ceilings are light cream.

5. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors: The closet doors are wood sliders.

b. Windows: There are no interior windows.

6. Decorative features and trim: 1" x 4" plain wood trim for interior door frames, closet frames and base boards.

7. Hardware: Brass door knobs, backing plates, hinges, window latches and slide bolts for windows.

8. Mechanical equipment:

a. Heating, air conditioning, ventilation: Triangular louvered attic vents are present under the gables of the north and south ends of the building. Natural gas was run to the building in 1968. It emerges near the middle of the west wall. There is said to have been a fireplace in this building in 1984. At present there is a natural gas furnace and a wood stove. The latter is located near the front (south) wall, between the door and window, and was installed in 1984. There is no air conditioning.

b. Lighting: The office was originally wired for lights.

c. Plumbing: As originally constructed there was a lavatory installed in the back room. At present it is connected to the municipal sewer and water system, but originally water was supplied to the dwelling via a 1" pipe buried three feet underground from the well drilled in 1932. The system also was connected to that of the Ketchum Spring Water Supply Company, which could be used when the pump failed. In 1933 a cesspool 8 feet wide and 8 feet deep was dug 6 feet east of the office to serve the bathroom in that building. The cesspool was covered with a concrete slab reinforced with iron. At present, the bathroom has a shower, toilet, and sink/vanity. There also is a sink in the kitchen.

d. Telephone: The office originally was connected to the metallic section of the the Hailey-Stanley and Soldier lines of the telephone system of the Sawtooth National Forest.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: This structure is located in the southwest 1/4 of the compound and faces south onto River Street. See site plan attached hereto.

2. Historic landscape design: See "Historical Sketch of the Ketchum Administrative Site," above.

3. Outbuildings: Seven other structures are a part of this complex. Each is documented separately.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Original Architectural Drawings: Standard Plans R4-51 and R4-51B (from Anonymous 1935) are attached hereto.

B. Early Views: One photograph of this structure taken shortly after completion is in Anonymous n.d.a. A June, 1965 photo is on file at the Ketchum District office.

C. Interviews: None

D. Bibliography

1. Primary and unpublished sources:

- Anonymous
1935 *Building Construction Manual*, revised edition. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Region Four.
- n.d.a "Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Large binder containing site plans, building descriptions, and photographs from the mid-1930's].
- n.d.b "Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Same as Anonymous n.d.a, but without photographs and with updated Ketchum building descriptions to 1939].
- Berry, Arthur H.
1934 [February 26, 1934 letter to Forest Supervisor describing construction of "Ketchum R. S. Office"].
- Nichols, George L.
1946 *Building Construction Handbook*. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region.

2. Secondary and published sources: None.

E. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Local newspapers, National Archives.

F. Supplemental Material: Attached hereto: Photos taken by Eva Jensen, June 16, 1989. Floor plan drawn by Richard T. Malouf, September, 1992.

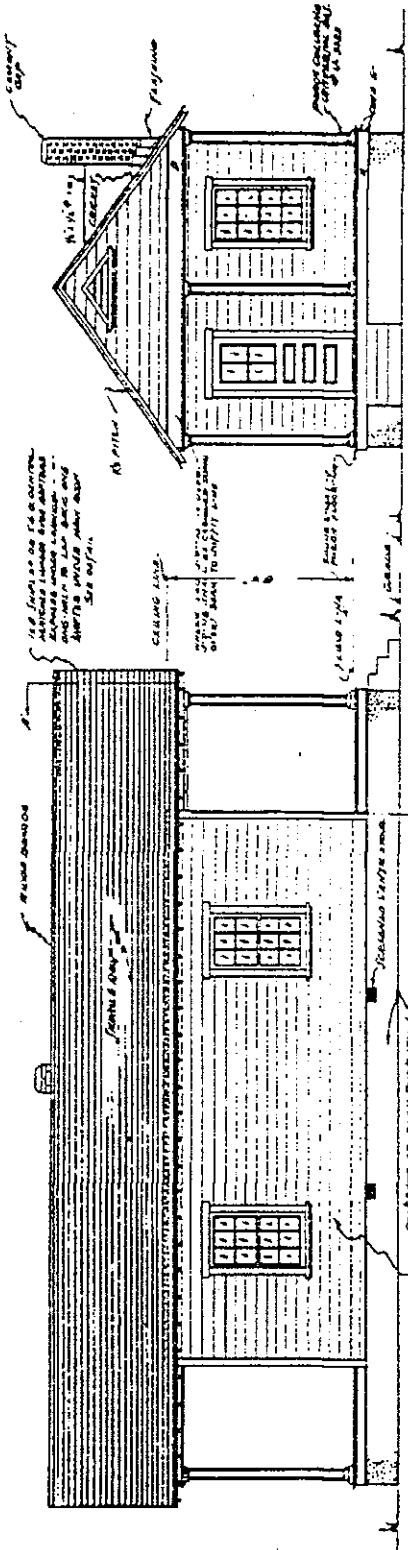
IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Purpose of documentation

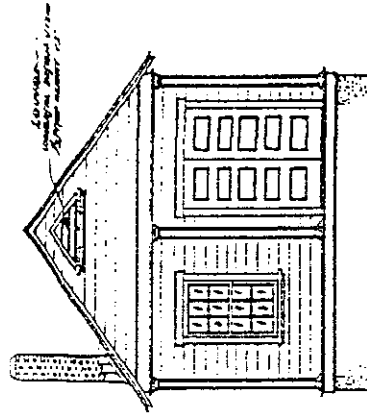
1. The Forest Service exchanged this property out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. As no restrictive covenants were included, mitigation by HABS documentation is appropriate.

B. Report Preparation

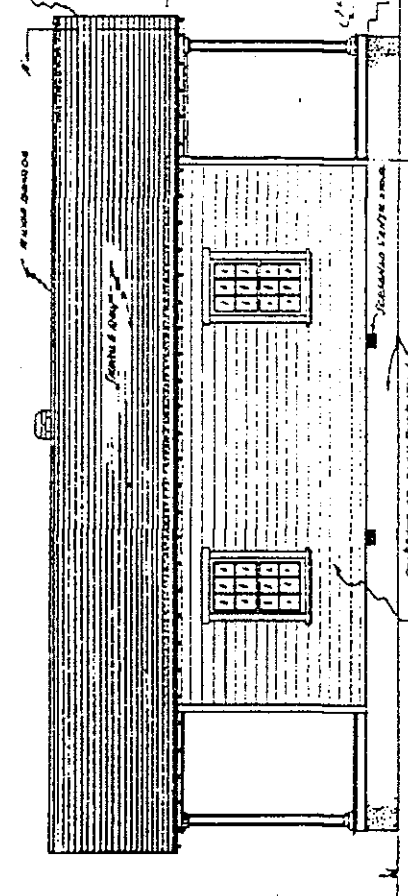
2. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September-October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.



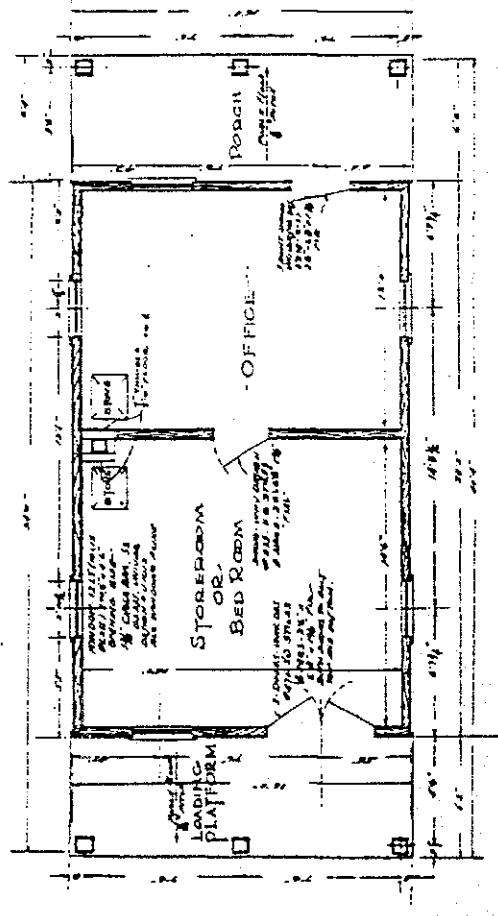
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- SIDE ELEVATION -
- BOTH SIDES ALIKE -

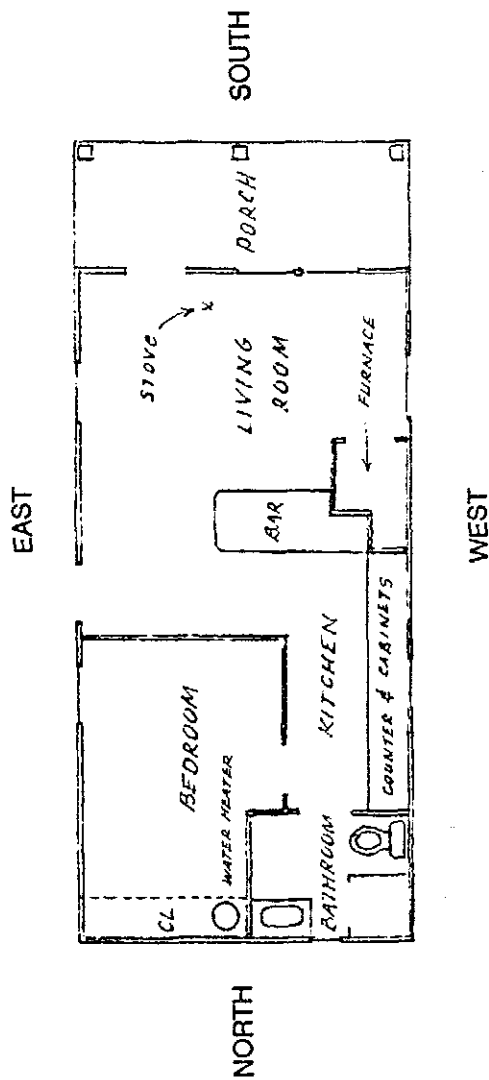


- FLOOR PLAN -

FOREST SERVICE		OFFICE & STORE ROOM OR OFFICE & BED ROOM	
PLAN R-2-51		SHEET 1 OF 8	
CHECKED	DATE	SCALE	BY
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Revised May 1, 1924

SCALE: 1/4" = 2'-6"



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FLOOR PLAN, SEPTEMBER, 1992

SCALE: $\frac{1}{4}'' = 2'-6''$